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# CIVIL CASE INFORMATION STATEMENT (CIS)

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PEDRO ROBERTS,

On behalf of himself and all other similarly situated persons,

Plaintiff,

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TRIBECA AUTOMOTIVE, INC., ABC CORP., & JANE AND JOHN DOES

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION

**ESSEX COUNTY** 

DOCKET NO. L - 5298-16

Civil Action

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff Pedro Roberts (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated persons, by way of Class Action Complaint against Defendants, Tribeca Automotive, Inc., ABC Corps. and Jane and John Does, states as follows:

#### THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Pedro Roberts has resided in Newark, New Jersey at all times relevant to this matter, and was employed by Defendants from approximately February 2015 to March 2016.
- 2. The Class of similarly situated plaintiffs, who all worked in New Jersey at all times relevant to this matter, is defined as:

All individuals that were based out of the Tribeca Automotive, Inc. facility in Carteret, New Jersey that performed truck driving and/or delivery functions from July 2014 to the present for the New Jersey Wage Payment

- Law claim and from July 2014 to the present for the New Jersey Wage and Hour Law claim.
- 3. Plaintiff, and other similarly situated employees (the "Class Members") performed services as truck drivers and/or deliverers, based out of the Carteret, New Jersey facility, for customers throughout New Jersey and surrounding areas.
- 4. Defendant, Tribeca Automotive, Inc. is an employer of Plaintiff and the Class Members as defined by the New Jersey Wage and Hour Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et seq. and New Jersey Wage Payment Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-4.1 et seq., and has its primary place of business at 1179 Roosevelt Avenue, New Jersey, 07008.
- Defendants, ABC Corps. and Jane and John Does, are joint employers of the
   Plaintiff and the Class Members as defined by the New Jersey Wage and Hour Law, N.J.S.A.
   34:11-56a et seq. and New Jersey Wage Payment Law, N.J.S.A.
  - 6. Venue is proper in this Court given that Plaintiff resides in Essex County.

#### SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiff and all Class Members were assigned to perform non-exempt tasks as deliverers and/or truck drivers for Defendants and were based out of their facility in Carteret, New Jersey.
- 8. Defendants controlled the manner and means in which Plaintiff and all Class
  Members performed their duties. Specifically, Plaintiff and all Class Members all reported to
  work at the Carteret location, took instruction from Defendants and its employees, were required
  to wear clothing with Defendants' name on it, communicated with Defendants and their
  employees while performing their truck driving and/or delivery functions during the workday
  and handled paperwork and invoices with Defendants' customers. Defendants had the authority
  to reprimand and terminate Plaintiff and all Class Members. As such, Defendants were the

employer of Plaintiff and all other Class Members under the New Jersey Wage and Hour Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et seq. and New Jersey Wage Payment Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-4.1 et seq.

- 9. Plaintiff and all Class Members had monies deducted from their compensation, including but not limited to damage to products in violation of the New Jersey Wage Payment Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-4.1 et seq.
- 10. Plaintiff and all Class Members were misclassified as independent contractors when they should have been classified as employees of Defendants.
- 11. Plaintiff and all Class Members performed truck driving and/or delivery functions based in the Carteret, New Jersey facility.
- 12. Plaintiff and all Class Members are not independent contracts as defined by N.J.S.A. 43:21-19(i)(6)(A)(B)(C).
- 13. Plaintiff and all Class members are not exempt under the New Jersey Wage and Hour Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et seq. and New Jersey Wage Payment Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-4.1 et seq.
- 14. Plaintiff and all Class Members routinely worked far in excess of forty (40) hours per week for Defendants and were not paid 1.5 times their hourly rate when they worked over forty (40) hours per week.
- 15. Defendants' ongoing illegal policies of failing to pay Plaintiff and Class Members for time worked has resulted in Plaintiff and Class Members being denied substantial legally required compensation and/or overtime payments given that Plaintiff and Class Members routinely worked in excess of forty hours per week.
- 16. This action is brought and may properly proceed as a class action, pursuant to R.4:32 of the Rules Governing the Court of the State of New Jersey.

- 17. The Class for whose benefit this action is brought is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- 18. There are questions of law and fact common to all members of the Class that predominate over questions affecting only individuals. These common questions include:
  - a. Whether Class Members were not paid 1.5 times their hourly rate when they worked over 40 hours per week; and
  - b. Whether this conduct violates the New Jersey Wage and Hour Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et seq.
  - c. Whether Class Members had monies deducted from their compensation in violation of the New Jersey Wage Payment Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:11-4.1 et seq.
- 19. Plaintiff does not have interests antagonistic to those of the Class Members.

  Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class Members.
- 20. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class, and has retained competent counsel experienced in this type of matter.
- 21. Common questions of law and fact predominate over any questions that only affect individual class members.
- 22. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, and will cause an orderly and expeditious administration of the Class' claims.
- 23. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would run the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications. Prosecution as a class action will also eliminate the possibility of repetitious litigation.
- 24. This value of this matter falls below the \$5 million threshold of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 <u>U.S.C.</u> § 1332(d).

#### COUNT ONE

#### NEW JERSEY WAGE AND HOUR LAW

- 25. Plaintiff reasserts Paragraphs above as if set forth at length herein.
- 26. Defendants' conduct against the Class Members violates the New Jersey Wage and Hour Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56a et seq. by failing to compensate Class Members for all hours worked, and not paying overtime when Class Members worked over 40 hours per week.
- 27. As a result of Defendants' conduct, the Class Members have endured significant economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all other Class Members, respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment in his favor, together with (i) full compensation for all hours worked, including all legally required overtime payments, with interest; (ii) pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest rates allowed by law; (iii) attorneys' fees, costs and expenses with appropriate enhancement; and (iv) all other legally permissible relief that the Court deems appropriate.

#### **COUNT TWO**

#### NEW JERSEY WAGE PAYMENT LAW

- 28. Plaintiff reasserts Paragraphs 1-28 as if set forth at length herein.
- 29. Defendants' conduct violates the New Jersey Wage Payment Law, N.J.S.A.
  34:11-4.1 et seq. because Defendants illegally withheld monies from Plaintiff and Class
  Members in violation of the New Jersey Wage Payment Law, N.J.S.A. 34:11-4.1 et seq.
- 30. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff and the Class Members have endured significant economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all other Class Members, respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment in his favor, together with (i) full compensation for all hours worked, including all legally required overtime payments, with interest; (ii) pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest rates allowed by law; (vii) attorneys' fees, costs and expenses with appropriate enhancement; and (iv) all other legally permissible relief that the Court deems appropriate.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

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Date: July 29, 2016

#### **DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL**

Pursuant to Rule 4:5-1(c), Ravi Sattiraju, Esq. is hereby designated as trial counsel for Plaintiff and all Class Members.

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#### **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1**

I hereby certify, pursuant to Rule 4:5-1 that the matter in controversy herein is the subject of no other pending legal proceeding or arbitration nor is any other legal proceeding contemplated to the best of my information and belief. Further, I know of no other party who should be joined in this lawsuit.

RAVI SATTIRAJU NJ Bar Id. No. 035251998

Date: July 29, 2016